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Council's First Regular Meeting Offers a Long Look Ahead to 2012

by Thomas X. White

The newly elected Greenbelt City Council had its first regular meeting on Monday, November 28. Except for presentations and reports, the only substantive item on the agenda was discussion of the city's proposed 2012 State and County Legislative Program. All seven councilmembers were present.

Each year in December council holds a legislative dinner with Greenbelt's state delegation and county council representatives in order to communicate the city's priority legislative issues. (That meeting was held December 7 at the Greenbelt Marriott.) On the November 28 agenda was a staff prepared listing of issues council could present at the December 7 meeting.

Staff proposed three items as joint county-state programs. These include protecting municipal funding sources such as state/county shared revenue; supporting funding for renovation of Greenbelt Middle School and continuing support for improved transit services for Greenbelt.

Staff proposed two state priorities. First, revisions to noise barrier policies along the Capital Beltway and additional funding for barriers; and, second, support of environmental issues council has previously supported, such as prohibiting use of plastic shopping bags, alternative energy programs and a beverage container deposit program.

The two staff-recommended county priorities include establishment of a landlord-tenant commission for the county and support for a new fire station for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Council discussion of these staff recommendations was lively and directed generally to making sure the listings reflect the most up-to-date information available

from various organizations with which Greenbelt officials interact. These include the Council of Governments, the Prince George's Municipal Association and the Maryland Municipal League.

Ethics Legislation

Council was concerned by the lack of focus and a perceived difficulty about how state ethics legislation would apply at the local level, especially its application to volunteers serving on governmental bodies. City Solicitor Robert Manzi advised council that a pre-filed bill would exempt certain municipalities. For that reason the topic was added as a third priority for state legislation.

A third priority item for county legislation was added to the list to support modifying requirements for individuals and firms renting commercial kitchens within a government-owned facility. The issue arose from Councilmember Leta Mach's concern about the city's inability to maximize rentals for the well-equipped kitchen at the Community Center. Those new priorities were added to the material prepared for the December 7 legislative dinner.

Also added were two "Alert Items" for county and state legislators who would be attending. One "alert" requested keeping the city updated on state and county financial issues and their status heading into the legislative year. Another was keeping the city informed on consideration by the Maryland Transportation Department of a nearby Beltsville site (adjacent to the Beltsville Farm) for a proposed CSX Intermodal (Truck and Train) Transfer Facility. Such a facility would be linked to the Port of Baltimore, greatly increasing truck traffic in

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What Goes On

Saturday, December 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m. to noon, Santa's Visit to the Greenbelt Youth Center, Free for all ages

Monday, December 12

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, December 13

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Free Bone Density Screening, Community Center, Room 103

Tuesday, December 13 to Thursday, December 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Free for Pre-school through Second Grade, North Pole Calling (details in city ad)

Thursday, December 15

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Administration Building

Presentations And Awards

At the November 28 regular council meeting, the lead-off presentation was the 2011 Recycle Right Awards in honor of America Recycles Day, celebrated on November 15. Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles presented to council the Greenbelt residents who were the winners of this year's competition: Alice Mitchell, Lori Den and Grace Tomantini from the Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI) neighborhoods, Mark Basset of Lady Ann Court in Greenbelt East and Angie Evans for Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road. Winners are selected each year based on the Public Works Department's evaluation of recycling habits of Greenbelt residences and organizations, including appropriate items in the bin, quantities recycled and cleanliness of the bins.

The second presentation at the meeting was a proclamation honoring Municipal Government Month, given to Beverly Palau, the city's Public Information and Communications Coordinator. Palau was commended for her efforts in organizing programs and activities for the annual celebration of Municipal Government Month in Greenbelt. Activities each year include the Community Health and Wellness Fair, Walk to School Day, the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest for Greenbelt fourth graders, FallFest and hosted community stream cleanings, electronic recycling events and the educational quiz show program on the city website entitled "Greenbelt Works."

75th Anniversary

David Mills, chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee, presented council with tentative plans for celebrating Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary during 2012. The kick-off for 75th Anniversary activities will take place in association with the January 8 Artful Afternoon programs at the Community Center. An anniversary-related symposium is being planned for April. In June the "Greenbelt Voices" program, which debuted at the Greenbelt Arts Center last year, will be recast as a program at the New Deal Café. Finally, the committee has targeted October 13 for the City's 75th Anniversary Gala at the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel.

Mills said a brochure and calendars are in preparation and updated information can now be obtained at the city's website. He noted as well that anniversary souvenirs and remembrances would be available during the open hours at the Greenbelt Museum.

American Education Week November 13 to 19, 2011

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from schools serving the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Springhill Lake Elementary School. The articles follow prior weeks' features on Greenbelt Middle and Greenbelt Elementary Schools and Turning Point Academy. Next week we will focus on Magnolia Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools.

ESOL Teacher Frontanes Arrives Early, Leaves Late

by Marat Moore

When I stopped by to meet Maria Frontanes at Springhill Lake Elementary School, she and a colleague were preparing a Thanksgiving Feast to welcome their "newcomers" – children who had arrived in the United States since March. This year's arrivals include "a family of three from Africa" and students from the Dominican Republic, China and El Salvador.

As a teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Frontanes has daily contact with students whose families speak a total of 25 languages and dialects and represent 30 countries. Six ESOL teachers share



Maria Frontanes

the work by grade levels; she teaches first and fifth grades. Of the 650 students enrolled at Springhill Lake 270 receive ESOL instruction.

And what are these "Other Languages" and dialects? Here's a sampling – Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, French, Urdu, Haitian Creole; Yoruba (Nigeria); Swahili, Shona (Zimbabwe), Mandinke and Mende (Sierra Leone), Tagalog (Philippines), Guyana Creole and Ebo (Nigeria).

"A lot of our students were born here and learned English but we need to communicate with

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From the Wolf Trap Stage To Springhill Elementary

by Marat Moore



Nicole Nugent

All the world's a stage – and thanks to Nicole Nugent's infectious love of the performing arts, so is Springhill Lake Elementary School (SLES). To engage her second-graders, Nugent augments her curriculum with rhymes and riddles, role-plays and skits, storytelling, music and movement – all for the purpose of teaching English, math, science, social studies and more.

Nugent teaches her students this riddle, for example, to help them learn two-digit subtraction:

More on the top?
No need to stop!
More on the floor?
Go next door.

"If they see a bigger number on the bottom, they know they'll have to borrow from the next column. And riddles are easier to remember than rules," she says with a smile. The riddle is posted on her colorful classroom wall.

For learning short vowels, she uses a rap rhythm and for longer vowels, students

"dance around the room" as they draw out the sound. In a recent class, hands flew up to answer questions, they practiced the long "aaaaayyyyyy . . ." and two students did an impromptu role-play skit about litter

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Letters to the Editor

Help to Clean Up The North Woods

It was such a pleasure to read Mr. Ahearn's letter about the Great North Woods.

It got that name because 20 years ago a resident was reading Winnie the Pooh to his kids and they found all of the Pooh places in our woods. Those kids are grown up now and reading Pooh to their own kids.

It's probably time to restart another old Greenbelt tradition: the Easter Sunday Afternoon Woods Cleanup. But don't wait for Easter! Do what Mr. Ahearn says: bring out a bear's nest or two.

And I'm surprised the streams that flow into the Greenbelt Lake are unnamed. At least one should be known as Upper Walker Branch, since Walker Branch flows out of the lake, under the Beltway and into Indian Creek. The Greenbelt Greens were thinking of adopting Walker Branch years ago but moved on to politics. My study showed that half the Walker Branch drainage area is from parking lots around the Marriott. It's small when it's not raining but flow really picks up when it is.

Doug Love

Support Legislation To Tax Grocery Bags

The North Woods certainly are valuable to a number of Greenbelters, even if we rarely see one another on our walks. I appreciate the request that visitors to the woods clean it up as they leave; it really is a shame that our streams are the "habitat" of piles and miles of trash. We ought to seek out a local watershed group and try and run a cleanup.

But cleaning the trash up one piece at a time whenever you go for a walk is nowhere near enough – every time it rains, trash from the B-W Parkway and elsewhere overflows and into our streams. We need to stop pollution at the source. Efforts to do

just that are already going on in our area.

Prince George's County is considering adopting a law that would impose a 5-cent fee on every plastic bag sold at grocery stores. This would greatly reduce the amount of plastic bags plaguing our woods and other special places, so I ask everyone to express support for this bill and others like it that aim to reduce waste (the first step in the reduce-reuse-recycle regime).

Such places of special value to us should be truly cared for and that goes beyond simply picking up a piece or two of trash on a walk or going to a Reel 'n Meal. Learning about issues and being personally responsible are important but the buck does not stop there. I encourage everyone to engage in the front line work that really makes change, because this democratic process is the foundation of our society and requires participation in order to work well.

Thank you for caring and staying involved.

Jamie Phillips

THANKS!

The family of Charles Fuchs would like to express sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who have been supportive over the years and for the kind words and actions this past week as we celebrated the life of Charles Fuchs.

Magdalene Fuchs

Help Bring Tony Back

Help us bring back one of Greenbelt's best mail carriers – Tony Schiavone.

For those of you who have already signed and sent in a petition, we thank you. However we still need those of you who missed the first request to provide

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Corrections, Clarifications

In last week's article "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors; Thanks to BARC" it was indicated that a December 16, 1981, article brought by Velma Kahn to the council-BARC stakeholder meeting was found in this paper's archives. It was not.

In the front page article on the Hillside Stream Restoration project the location was incorrectly identified – it flows between the Lakewood and Woodland Hills neighborhoods. The author is also concerned about a second clarification (in the subhead Pollutants Filtered on page 12) where it is unclear that there may – or may not – be an ongoing problem with fecal contamination in the stream – in fact there is no current way to know if that is true.

Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby added that while the city did not complete any additional water testing they did contact WSSC, which did sewer leak detection, including water quality testing, in the Lakewood/Woodland Hills watershed. The results did not support the levels of fecal coliform that were found in the Greenbelt Lake Watershed Assessment. Hruby also clarified that current grant funding does not include money for follow-up water quality testing although it is something the city hopes to be able to do.

In last week's ad on page 3 for the Mishkan Torah swing music dance and concert, the wrong time was given. The event is from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. See ad on page 3.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC 9

The Descendants

(R)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*5, 7:30

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December 12 thru January 6

GHI Companion Animal Committee



Seeks help to replenish every-day items so important for the well-being of animals housed in local shelters.

Donations of blankets, towels, toys, food stuffs, cat litter, etc. can be dropped off at the GHI administration building lobby on Hamilton Place during regular business hours.

Your generosity is appreciated



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 2011

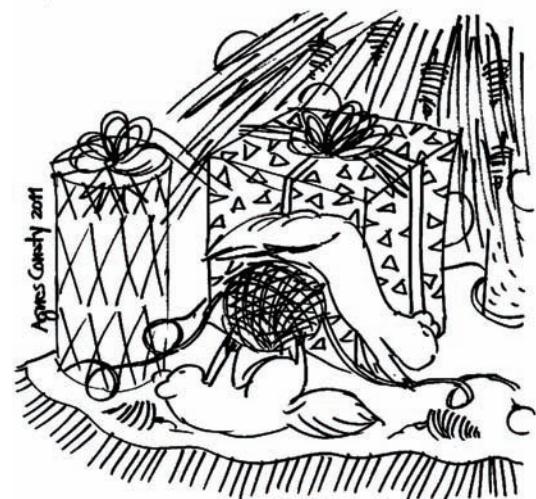
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed Gardenside Fence with Gate Across Common Sidewalk, 11G Ridge
- Proposed Revision to Shed Rules
- Proposed Revision to Rainbarrel Rules
- Electrical Inspection Update
- 2010 Business Owners' Insurance Policy Renewal, 1st Reading
- Expenditure Authorization #1, 2nd Reading
- Update on Lawrence Apartment Purchase Activities

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Grin Belt



"Now we will make it look like the cat ate those pine cone trimmings."

On Screen

Trouble in Paradise

The compulsively watchable George Clooney plays a wealthy descendant of Hawaiian aristocracy, whose family's submerged tensions and dysfunctionality erupt when his wife is rendered comatose after a boating accident. Intelligent, humorous, tough, tender, nuanced, this movie succeeds on so many levels. The myth of Hawaii as an island paradise is subtly critiqued along the way. "The Descendants" comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, December 9.

Director: Alexander Payne. Running Time: 115 minutes. Rating: R. With George Clooney, Beau Bridges, Judy Greer, Robert Forster, Shalene Woodley, Amara Miller, Matthew Lillard and Nick Krause.

– Jim Link

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$40/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 12 through 16:

Monday – Orange juice, stuffed cabbage with meat sauce, Delmonico potatoes, green beans, pineapple/mandarin orange.

Tuesday – Apple juice, baked chicken breast with garden sauce, black-eyed peas, stewed tomatoes, diced peaches.

Wednesday – Cranberry juice, Italian sausage on a hot dog roll, penne pasta, seasoned peas, applesauce.

Thursday – Orange juice, Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, lima beans, broccoli and cauliflower, diced pears.

Friday – Cranberry juice, baked salmon with Newburg sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned carrots, apricots.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m. – Transition Guides with Board of Directors – Board Room

Friday, December 9, Office Closed – Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. – Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 16, Offices close at noon for employee's Holiday Party. For maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.



Mishkan Torah Presents

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Sunday, Dec 18 – 2 pm

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Sen. Cardin to Speak, Install Dems Officers

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is proud to be an active group in Greenbelt. The club was founded in 1957 in order to promote and develop common interests, entertainment and a social atmosphere for the members. The club will be active in celebrating the 75th anniversary of our great city. We will host the 75th birthday lunch in May 2012.

The club's anniversary lunch will be held in April 2012. Keep watch for more details in future Golden Age Club reports.

The speaker for the December 14 meeting will be city police Crime Prevention/Community Relations officer MPO Kelly Lawson, whose topic is "Be Safe." No meeting will be held on December 21.

Many thanks to Program Chair Suze Marley for the good job she has done this year. She would like to hear suggestions for speakers and programs for next year. Phone numbers are a help, too.

Club officers for 2012 will be installed in January.

Come out and join us for these activities and more.

Two of the best things in life are laughter and love of friends – and both are free.

D.C. Holiday Market Bike Ride Saturday

On Saturday, December 10 there will be a group bike ride to D.C.'s Eastern Market and downtown Holiday Market.

Greenbelt riders will leave from the New Deal Café at 9:30 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. The ride leaves from Proteus bike shop in College Park at 10 a.m., returning there at about 3:30 p.m.

Total ride distance is 30 to 35 miles. The route is mostly flat and on trails and side roads (without heavy traffic). Riders will be in a group or groups at a moderate pace with no one dropped. Metro is the bail-out plan for those who want a shorter ride.

For details visit www.proteusbicycles.com or call 301-441-2928.

Co-op Offers Wine Tasting, Food Demos

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will sponsor several food demonstrations and wine tastings during December.

Wine tastings will be held on Fridays, December 9, 16 and 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. There also will be wine tasting during the food demonstration on December 28. There will be discounts on wines offered for sampling.

New to Natural?

The "New to Natural?" food demonstration on Wednesday, December 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. will feature samples (for as long as supplies last) of Enjoy Life Gluten Free gingerbread spice cookies and two new soups from Pacific Natural Foods, curried red lentil and spicy black bean.

Seasonal & Savory

This month's Seasonal and Savory demo, to be held on Wednesday, December 28 from 4 to 6 p.m., will feature an avocado and three-citrus salad with Kalamata olive vinaigrette dressing. It is also Patron Appreciation Day with five percent discounts on all purchases.

Cajun Jam at Café

On Wednesday, December 28 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome.

For more information visit <http://www.newdealcafe.com/>.

**More Community Events
on pages 5, 11 and 12.**

Greenbriar Holds Santa Breakfast



Greenbriar is hosting breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children of all ages are welcome to join Santa for breakfast in the Greenbriar Community Terrace Room.

Participants will enjoy crafts, music and breakfast as they anticipate taking a photo with Santa. Sign up in advance by contacting the management office at 301-441-1096.

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FRI. – SAT.

The Muppets, PG

11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

Happy Feet Two, PG

11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15

Hugo in 3D, PG

Lowest prices in the area

11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55

The Sitter, PG-13 (!)

11:55, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1, PG-13

11:55, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15

New Year's Eve, PG-13 (!)

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Immortals, R

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Tower Heist, PG-13

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MON. – THU.

Renovating – Contact Theater

for Showtime Information

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THIS WEEK ONLY AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER



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December 11 at 2 PM.**

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email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org

or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Coming Soon:

December 15 & 16: A (Comic) Christmas Carol - Production from Christopher Davis

December 17 & 18: - The Chromatics – Holiday Concert

December 17 & 20: AUDITIONS: Pippin

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Obituaries

Charles Anthony Fuchs

Charles Anthony Fuchs was born September 23, 1927, in Flushing, N.Y., to Charles Albert Fuchs and Margaret Connors Fuchs and was raised in College Point, N.Y., with his brothers William and Richard. A graduate of St. Fidelis High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 17 and served during World War II. Following his military service, he graduated from Fordham University (Class of 1951).



In January 1951 Charles' good friend, George Pradarits, convinced him to attend a dance at St. Stephens of Hungary Church (New York City) and set him up on a blind date with Magdalene Bauer – a beautiful, young Hungarian who also lived in College Point with her parents Anthony and Mary Bauer. Though the evening ended at a local White Castle, the romance was just beginning. On October 31, 1951, Charles and Magdalene began their 60-year marriage and moved to upstate New York where Charles worked at IBM.

Jacqueline (September 1952), Linda (July 1954) and Valerie (August 1957) were born while they lived in Woodstock and Poughkeepsie, New York. The family relocated to Ellicott City Maryland in 1957 so Charles could begin a new job at Westinghouse. The small home on Avoca Avenue soon had two additional family members – Charles (October 1958) and Janet (March 1960).

In the spring of 1962 Charles spotted a corner lot on Lakeside Drive in Greenbelt that he was convinced would be the ideal spot to raise his family. While the house was being constructed, Charles began his federal government career at the Goddard Space Flight Center. The Fuchs family home was completed just after the birth of Mark (December 1962) and has remained the focal point of family gatherings ever since. Karen (March 1968) is the last born of their seven children.

After approximately five years with NASA, Charles transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C., where he worked on such key initiatives as the Supersonic Transport (SST) project and the initial phases of the Air Traffic Controllers technology re-engineering before his retirement on December 31, 1987. The family continues to grow and Charles and Magdalene now have 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In his younger years, Charles was an avid bowler and enjoyed an occasional round of golf. However, his biggest passions

throughout his life – outside of family – were a love of automobiles and gardening. He was proud of his well-manicured lawn, meticulously trimmed bushes and seasonal plantings that provided the balance of color. He was particularly proud when his home was recognized with the 1994 Prince George's County Beautification Award.

Charles died the evening of November 26, 2011, while surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and wife Magdalene. Services were held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on November 30, 2011, with full military honors at his interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

— Magdalene Fuchs

Sue J. Ivy Namur

Sue J. Ivy Namur, 86, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., died on December 2, 2011, at her residence.

Mrs. Namur was born in Chanute, Kan., on November 11, 1925. She grew up in Kansas, then moved to Long Beach, Calif., where she attended school. She married Ralph D. Ivy in 1945. They moved to San Angelo, Texas, where they raised their seven children.

After Mr. Ivy died she opened and ran a child care business. In 1964 she moved her family to Washington, D.C., to be near her brother. She opened Elsie's Luncheonette where she met and married Carl R. Namur. She also bought and ran two bars near Dupont Circle.

Mr. Namur's work took the family to Greece, where they lived from 1966 to 1968. When they returned the family settled in University Square apartments in Greenbelt, staying until they moved to Bowie in 1985. In 1997, when Mr. Namur retired, the couple moved to Fernandina Beach.

Mrs. Namur was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach.

Her children Betty Sue Parker, Ralph D. Ivy, Jr., and Karen Kay Ivy preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons Kelly Pat Ivy (Linda) of Greenbelt, Danny O'Neil Ivy (Terry) of Philadelphia, Pa., daughters Mary T. Caserta (Jim) and Susan O'Brian Kinion, both of Fernandina Beach; 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, November 29 at St. Michael's Church.

Br. James Sommers

Brother James Sommers, O.C.S.O., 89, of Holy Cross Abbey in Clarke County, Va., died peacefully on December 4, 2011, at Carroll Manor Nursing Home in Washington, D.C. Brother James was born James Joseph Sommers, Jr., on March 25, 1922, in Reading, Pa., the son of James Sommers, Sr., and Anna Nangle Sommers, the second of five brothers. His family moved to Greenbelt when he was a child. They were among the Greenbelt pioneer families.

After high school, James enlisted in the U.S. Army as an infantryman in 1942 and served in northern France and the Rhine-land during World War II. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army he began work in 1946 in the U.S. Postal Service. Several years later he felt a call from God to enter religious life and in 1952 he asked admittance to Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky as a Trappist Brother. He wrote at the time, "To devote my whole life to Christ, I feel the Trappist vocation is the answer."

When the monastery of Gethsemani made a new foundation in the Sacramento Valley

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Greenbelt Community Church

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Rev. James Lawton - Pastor
301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net



Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available
Sunday School: Sundays at 9:30 am
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

December 11, 10 a.m.
Choir Holiday Festival

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10am

Dec. 11 Was Jesus born in a CAVE? Dec. 18 Interview with a shepherd.
Christmas eve service 7 pm Christmas Day 10 am
See the Christmas story in a new way. Join our journey to Bethlehem.

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



The mother is the first teacher of the child.
For children, at the beginning of life, are fresh
and tender as a young twig . . . In God's sight,
the best of all ways to worship Him is to educate
the children and train them in all the perfections of
humankind; and no nobler deed than this can be imagined.

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918

Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!



Services

• Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

www.myholycross.org email myholycross@verizon.net

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

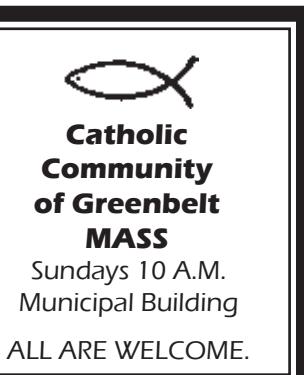
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. (Come as you are!)

Christmas Eve 12:15 p.m. (quiet, reflective service)

Christmas Eve 9 p.m. Festive Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing,
Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!
Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt



Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Obituaries

of California in 1956, Brother James was chosen to be a founding member. He served the community of New Clairvaux Abbey at Vina, Calif., for 11 years. He asked to return to the east coast in 1968 to be closer to his family and transferred to Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, Va.

At Holy Cross Abbey, Brother James served the community in various roles, for many years in the bakery as the chief mixer of the dough for Monastery Bread, as the head librarian for the monks and finally as the monastery porter, greeting visitors in the Gift Shop and taking reservations for the thousands of retreatants who came to the Abbey Retreat House. He made all feel welcome.

Brother James' health declined after a heart attack and bypass surgery in 2001 and later a stroke. Finally, in 2007 he retired to Carroll Manor Nursing Home where he resided for almost five years until his death.

He was predeceased by his brothers Richard and William. William died while serving in the South Pacific during World War II.

He is survived by his brother Robert Sommers and Robert's wife Doris Sommers; his brother Richard's wife June Sommers and their four children, Richard, Jr., and his wife Cindy; Deborah Sommers Nicholson and her husband Thomas; Kathleen Robertson and her husband Tom; and Susan Cornwell and her husband Michael; as well as many nephews, nieces and cousins. Uncle Jimmy will be cherished for the deep influence he had in each of their lives.

Brother James is mourned by the monks of Holy Cross Abbey and by his numerous family members and friends.

The funeral service for Brother James, the Mass of the Resurrection, will be celebrated at Holy Cross Abbey on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 2 p.m. There will be a prayer vigil kept when Brother James is received in the church at 9 a.m. until the beginning of the Mass of the Resurrection. Burial in the monastery cemetery will follow after the Mass. There will be refreshments offered in the monks' dining room after the service is concluded.

Arrangements are being handled by Enders & Shirley Funeral Home, Berryville, Va.

To view the obituary or send condolences online, visit www.endersandshirley.com.

Maestro's Tail Holds Pet Food Drive

As part of an international effort spearheaded by Pet Sitters International, the Hungry Bowl Pet Food Drive collects much-needed pet food donations for local shelters across the country. Maestro's Tail Pet Care will host a local drive to benefit animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, which is in need of pet food.

Donations will be accepted through December 12 and can be dropped off at Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center; Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket; Mighty Healthy Pets, 9815 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park; and A.P.A.W. Veterinary Hospital, 7601 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

For more information call Lisa Shannon at 301-260-8245.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2011 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17 "Solid Waste" of the Greenbelt City Code

OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Report
- WMATA Railcar Commissioning Facility
- CSX/MDOT Intermodal Facility Letter
- Gateway Signage
- Greenbelt Development Corporation Letter – Council Response
- Visioning Exercise
- Referral to Youth Advisory Committee
- Appointment of Councilmembers to City Boards and Committees
- Other Reports
- * -Employee Special Holiday
- * - Appointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE

CITY OF GREENBELT ETHICS COMMISSION

Volunteers are being sought to fill three (3) positions on the newly established Greenbelt Ethics Commission.

- I. In accordance with the Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 2 "Administration, Article IV "Public Ethics", the Ethics Commission shall consist of three (3) regular members, appointed by the Council. The Commission shall be assisted in carrying out its responsibilities by legal counsel.
- II. The Commission shall be the advisory body responsible for interpreting this Article and advising persons subject to it as to its application.
- III. The Commission shall be responsible for hearing and deciding, on advice of legal counsel, any complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of this Article by any person.

Please refer to Ordinance No. 1318 passed by the City Council on September 26, 2011 for details of the Ethics Ordinance. The ordinance is available on the City website, www.greenbeltd.gov, and in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

To apply please send a letter of interest and resume to: Cindy Murray, City Clerk, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 – or email cmurray@greenbeltd.gov.

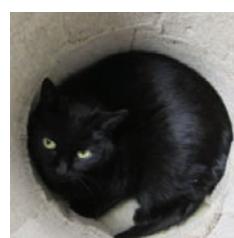
GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.

Congratulations to Jerry, Maryanne, and Eleanor on their adoptions. Much happiness in their new home.

Star is a shy girl who is about 8 years old. Her owner had to give her up when she went into a nursing home. Star is looking for an



older person or couple with no kids and no other pets to be her new forever family. GiGi is a beautiful young girl that was found wandering the streets of Greenbelt all by herself. She is very energetic and playful



THE SHELTER IS NOW UP TO CAPACITY WITH SWEET KITTENS AND CATS THAT NEED HOMES. PLEASE COME OUT TO SEE THEM, AND MAYBE EVEN SHARE YOUR HOME!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! We especially need kitty litter! Follow us on Facebook!

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-16

Monday, December 12 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltd.gov

Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION** re: **Greenbelt Station** at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Thursday, December 15 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee (Adult Member) For information call 301-474-8000.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK...

Saturday, December 10, 10am-12pm: **SANTA'S VISIT** at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway. For all ages. FREE! Santa has planned an annual trip to Greenbelt into his busy holiday schedule. All children will receive a free picture with Santa. Parents are welcome to bring their own recording devices to relive the moment.

Saturday, December 10, 1:30 – 3:30pm: **ELVES WORKSHOP** at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway. Ages 6-12, \$5/Child. Pre-registration required. 301-397-2200. Children will bake holiday cookies and make a beautiful holiday craft. Instructor: Gaye Houchens

December 13 -15, 6-7:30pm: **NORTH POLE CALLING** Ages pre-school through second grade. FREE! Santa and his helpers will make a special CALL to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flier available online and throughout the City facilities for your child's opportunity to chat.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center City of Greenelt Recycling Office: 301-474-8308.

FREE BONE DENSITY SCREENING

Tuesday, December 13 from 11am-1pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Room # 103

Presented by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program. For more information please contact Felicia Addo at faddo@greenbeltd.gov or 301-345-6660

NOTICE: The December 12 Mad Hot Ballroom Dance Party at the Community Center has been cancelled.

MEMORY ACADEMY

Thursdays, January 5-February 2, 2012

1:30-3:30pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Enhance your brain fitness with this 5 week memory work-out. For more information call 301-754-8800.

To register, call 301-397-2208.

Presented by the Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source.

POLAR PLUNGE!

Sunday, January 1st, 11:45 -11:55am
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway
Wake yourself up for the New Year with an invigorating dip in the **OUTDOOR POOL!** For more information call 301-397-2208.

The first 50 to register by 12/15/11 receive a sweatshirt!

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Visit www.greenbeltd.gov



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NEWS IN REVIEW

December 8, 2011



Are you ready for snow?

Winter is fast approaching and with it the need to prepare for snow. Clearing snow is a collaborative endeavor in Greenbelt Homes. Once four inches of snow have accumulated, GHI staff will start plowing, with top priority given to courts and serviceside walkways. When those have been cleared staff will plow gardenside and common walkways. For snowfalls of up to eight inches, GHI's goal is to clear all courts and primary sidewalks within 12 hours once snowfall has subsided.

Members are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks within their yard boundaries, on both the gardenside and serviceside. On shared walkways between individual units, neighbors share responsibility. Please lend a helping hand to neighbors who may be physically or otherwise unable to clear sidewalks.

GHI members can help support snow removal efforts by not piling snow on any section of plowed streets or courts. Piling snow in these areas slows snow removal efforts, increases costs for all members, and creates a nuisance for other members or court visitors, including mail carriers. When clearing off cars please place snow toward the curb or common areas in the court.

For more information about GHI's winter storm event procedures visit:
<http://ghi.coop/content/winter-storm-event-procedures>.

GHI Goes Greener with E-News!



In response to many member requests, GHI is happy to announce the launch of a new weekly e-newsletter! Each issue will include several relevant articles, calendar information, and some community news. Important alerts

and emergency announcements will also be sent out through this email service. Look for the green insert in the Winter Communicator or go to www.ghi.coop to subscribe.

Many of you have already provided GHI with your email address on your membership application form and will be automatically added to the subscription list. However, staff asks that you please take the time to update your contact information, as there is other important information that GHI also should have on record, such as who to contact on your behalf in an emergency. You can fill out the form in the Communicator insert, or go to www.ghi.coop. Your contact information is safe with us and will not be sold or distributed in any way. If you do not receive a weekly e-newsletter beginning December 12, please email mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net and we will add you to the email list.

This is a subscription-based service, provided to you at no cost. You will be able to give us feedback or unsubscribe at any time. We are excited to share this with you!

Does Your GHI Home Have an Addition?

Have you enrolled in the Addition Maintenance Program? This helpful program was created as a GHI benefit in 1987. The program ensures the same level of maintenance service for additions that is offered for original homes, and provides planned replacement of expensive major components. For a small monthly fee, standard components such as roofs, windows, doors, plumbing, and electrical are repaired and replaced by GHI when necessary. Non-standard components, such as casement windows or custom fixtures, are the member's responsibility. This program assures quality and reduces member risk. Please keep in mind that when additions are not registered with this program, members must pay the full cost of any repairs.

Several members have volunteered to serve on an Addition Maintenance Program Task Force. The task force will prepare the Addition Maintenance Program to handle future additions and will advise the Board and communicate with members as program policy is revised. Most existing GHI additions are already participating in the program. If your addition is not covered, contact GHI to learn how to qualify for coverage.

New Year's Resolution #1 – Help Get the Word Out!

GHI's communication efforts have expanded, and we're looking for writers, editors, photographers or cartoonists who would like to contribute to our co-operative community. We have a lot of fun along the way! Join our volunteer team that creates the GHI News in Review and Communicator. Go to www.ghi.coop and click on I Want To...Volunteer, email mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net or contact Sheri Swaim at 301-474-4161, ext. 148.

Insulation Phase Underway in Pilot Program

GHI has begun insulating each of the 28 pilot homes, the second of three phases of the pilot program to test alternatives for weatherizing townhomes and replacing electric baseboard heaters. In late October a contractor began crawl-space improvements, which are near completion. Next year, wall and attic insulation will be upgraded, and windows and doors will be replaced, which will conclude the program's second phase.

Phase 1, which is completed, involved placing measuring devices in each of the test homes to monitor temperature, humidity, and the kilowatt hours of electricity used by the home's heating system and major appliances. These data will be used as a baseline to measure energy savings and improvement in member comfort which likely will result from the upgrades now underway.

Phase 3 of the project will be the replacement of baseboard heating systems.

Members are encouraged to participate in Buildings Committee meetings, during which pilot program activities are discussed. The committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Board Room of the GHI Administration Building.

Do you have friends who would like to live in GHI?

Invite them to a Pre-purchase Orientation where they can find out if cooperative living is for them. The next orientation will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 17. To check on homes for sale go to www.ghi.coop and click on "Join Our Community."

Winterization Workshop

The Buildings Committee will be holding its popular winterization workshop for GHI members on January 7, 2012 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 201 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Find out how you can stay warm and save money on winter heating costs. You'll also learn about the latest news on the upgrade pilot program.

Socialize and Celebrate: GHI Open House



Start your New Year's celebration early at a drop-in reception on Thursday, December 29 to welcome incoming General Manager (GM) Eldon Ralph, and offer farewell wishes to retiring GM Gretchen Overdurff. Members are invited to stop by the GHI Administration Building any time between 4 and 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Management Transition Update

Gretchen Overdurff will be retiring at the end of December, after 17 years as GHI's General Manager (GM). Eldon Ralph will assume that position on December 12. (Eldon is currently Assistant GM.) The Board of Directors retained a management transition consulting firm to assist in planning for a smooth transfer of responsibilities.

Two events have been planned to honor Gretchen's service and welcome Eldon to his new position:

- A Retirement Reception at the Greenbelt Marriott on Sunday December 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. (The reservation period has closed.)
- An Open House at the GHI Administration Building on Thursday, December 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. (see story above).

GHI Offers Credit Card, eCheck Payment Options

As part of our commitment to provide members with secure convenient methods to pay monthly coop fees and Fee-For-Service invoices, GHI is now accepting credit card and electronic check (eCheck) payments at www.ghi.coop. A link has been established with CommunityPLUS, a division of North State Bank, to process these transactions safely and securely. Instructions are clearly stated on the website. Processing an eCheck is free but there is a convenience fee for processing credit card payments. For more information contact Kathie Linkenhoker at 301-474-4161, ext. 146 or at klinkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

DECEMBER

Fri	9	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Sun	11	2-4 p.m.	Reception for Gretchen at Gblt Marriott
Tue	13	7:00 p.m.	Nominations & Elections Committee
Wed	14	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	15	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Fri	16	Noon-5:00pm	CLOSED for Holiday Party
Sat	17	11:00 a.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon	19	7:00 p.m.	Communicator Task Force
Fri	23	--	CLOSED
Mon	26	--	CLOSED Christmas Holiday
Wed	28	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee
Thu	29	4-7 p.m.	Open House

JANUARY

Mon	2	--	CLOSED New Year's Holiday
Fri	6	--	CLOSED
Sat	7	2-4 p.m.	Winterization Workshop @ Community Center
Tue	10	7:30 p.m.	Nominations & Elections Committee
Wed	11	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	12	7:30pm	Board Meeting

(Dates are subject to change)

Maintenance service is available –for real emergencies only– outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.

Greenbelt CO-OP

Supermarket Pharmacy

Farm Fresh Produce

Large Sweet Clementines 5 lb. box	\$4.99	SPECIAL Citrus Case Sale	Sunkist California 88 Size Navel Oranges 1/3 case	\$12.99
Fresh Florida 64 Size Navel Oranges 1/2 case	\$15.99	Sunkist California 56 Size Navel Oranges 1/3 case	Fresh Florida 40 Size Red Navel Oranges full case	\$26.99
Fresh 80 Size Sunburst Tangerines 1/2 case	\$19.99	Fresh 23 Size Rio Star Grapefruit 1/2 case	Check out all of Co-op's regular weekly Fresh Produce Specials in our 8-page color circular	

Fresh Quality Meats

Sugardale Spiral Sliced Hams lb.	\$1.69	Fresh Value Pack Split Chicken Breasts lb.	Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef lb.	Shurfine Frozen Basted Turkeys lb.
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roasts lb.	\$3.79	Fresh Lean Beef Bone-In Rib Roast lb.	Quaker Maid Frozen Beef Sandwich Steaks 10.5 oz.	Hillshire Farms Smoked Sausage Assorted 13-16 oz.

Dairy

Minute Maid Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz.	\$2.50	Land-O-Lakes Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.	Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast lb.	Hanover Silver Line Vegetables Select Varieties 12-16 oz.
Kraft Phila. Cream Cheese 8 oz. brick	\$1.50	Pillsbury Ready-to-Bake Cookies Assorted 5-16.5 oz.	Deli Gourmet Virginia Cooked Ham lb.	Stouffer's French Bread Pizza Assorted 10-12.5 oz.
Health & Beauty		Seafood	Clearfield American Cheese	Frozen
Nature's Bounty Vitamins & Supplements Assorted 30-250 pk.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Fresh Catch Flounder Fillets lb.	Simplify your Christmas shopping this year Buy Gift Cards at Co-op! Best Buy – iTunes Sears – Macy's Friday's – Chili's Co-op & many more Check them out!	Stouffer's Lean Cuisine Classic Entrees Assorted 6-11.75 oz.
Colgate Bonus Tooth Paste Mint Zing/Luminous 4 oz.	99¢	Seabest Frozen Tilapia Fillets lb.	Chocolove Chocolate Bars Select Varieties 3.2 oz.	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 48 oz.
Bakery			Royal Blend Whole Grain Rice Blends Assorted 32 oz.	Fresh Store Baked Kaiser Rolls 6 pk.
				Fresh Store Baked Whole Wheat Bread loaf

Domino Granulated Sugar
5 lb.

\$2.99

Maxwell House Ground Coffee
Select Varieties 10.5-11.5 oz.

\$2.99

Grocery Bargains

Green Giant Canned Vegetables
Corn/Green Beans 14-15.25 oz.

80¢

Knorr/Lipton Rice in Sauce or Noodles in Sauce
Assorted 3-6 oz.

\$1.00

Campbell's Canned Gravy
Assorted 10 oz.

49¢

Francesco Rinaldi Pasta Sauces
Assorted 16-24 oz.

\$1.25

Shurfine Assorted Pasta
Select Varieties 12-16 oz.

\$1.00

Progresso Soups Rich & Hearty or Traditional
Select Varieties 18-19 oz.

\$1.50

Domino Baking Sugars
Assorted 2 lb.

\$1.99

General Mills Chex Cereals
Assorted 13-14 oz.

\$2.50

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Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-4400
Closed Sunday

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

November 24, 11:11 p.m., 7900 block Good Luck Road, three men approached a man, assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as black males, wearing dark clothing with one wearing a red jacket.

November 27, 7:44 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two men approached the victim, displayed a handgun and demanded property. The suspects are described as black males approximately 30 years old, 5'5" to 6'0" wearing all dark clothing.

December 1, 5:33 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Springhill Lane, a person was approached by two men who displayed a handgun and demanded the person's property. The suspects are described as black males, 21 to 28 years old; one was wearing a green jacket and blue jeans; the other was wearing gray sweatpants and a black mask.

DWI Arrest

November 24, 12:40 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop.

Trespass

November 28, 10:48 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

November 22, 6:49 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, a sliding glass door was broken.

November 25, 2:22 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a window was broken.

November 26, 8:03 p.m., 5900

block Cherrywood Terrace, a window was broken.

Burglary

November 24, 3:25 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, electronics were reported taken.

November 25, 9:27 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace electronics were reported taken.

November 28, 12:14 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, an attempted burglary was reported.

November 28, 7:16 p.m., 7300 block Wintergreen Court, electronics were reported taken.

November 30, 1:04 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

November 30, 11:40 a.m., 8000 block Greenbury Drive, an attempted burglary was reported.

December 1, 5:12 a.m., Greenway Center, cigarettes and alcohol were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A gold 1999 Toyota Camry with Md. tags was taken from the 7700 block Mandan Road.

On November 26 at 2:17 a.m. a stolen 1998 tan Toyota Camry was recovered in the 6800 block Green Crescent Court. Two nonresident juveniles were petitioned for Motor Vehicle Theft and Theft under \$10,000, among other charges after being found in possession of the Toyota. The juveniles were released to their respective guardians pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Theft from a vehicle was reported in the 6800 block Springshire Way (GPS).

Vandalism was reported in the following areas: Springhill Lane at Breezewood Drive (broken windows), 7800 block Mandan Road (damaged tire) and 9300 block Edmonston Road (broken mirror).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

There is an urgent need GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Thursday, December 22, 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Prince George's Hospital Center, 3001 Hospital Drive, Cheverly

Tuesday, December 27, 1:30 to 7:45 p.m., Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park

Thursday, December 29, 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital/Greenbelt Lions Club, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham

1-800-GIVE-LIFE

LETTERS

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this urgently needed support. If Tony was ever your mail carrier you know what a friendly, accommodating, efficient carrier he was. Please give him your support at this time by signing and sending in the petition found on page 12.

We know the U.S. Post Office has been going through difficulties and because of it things have changed in Greenbelt in recent years. However, Tony Schiavone is the kind of mail carrier our once small town had in the beginning and still needs today – a warm, caring human being who still gets his job done in an efficient manner (in spite of having more than one route to deliver in the same time allotted).

Please help us let the U.S. Post office know we miss Tony and want him back.

Carole Siegel

Not Frostbite, Snow Nor Dark of Night

I delivered the News Review for a few years, beginning in about 1955. I believe it was still called the Cooperator at that time. I began delivering when Joe O'Neil was the distribution manager, working out of his house in 16 Court Ridge Road every Thursday evening.

He found himself in need of a substitute carrier when one of his regulars was suddenly "unavailable" on a very snowy night. I was assigned a route near the intersection of Ridge Road and Plateau Place, an alien territory to me, a young kid from 11 Court Ridge. Add darkness and a heavy snowfall to the mix and I was soon totally disoriented. I muddled through, completing my route as assigned. I think I had frostbitten hands and feet by night's end. Jim must have been impressed, as I was instantly given a permanent route. That \$1 per week stipend came in very handy as the years went by. In a family of 10 children, there was no weekly "allowance" doled out to any of us. Some of my brothers also followed in my footsteps as carriers for the News Review.

I was reminded of those days while reading the story "News Review Begins Its 75th Year of Publication" in the issue of December 1. (I receive the paper in the U.S. mail on the Monday following publication. I know I can read it online but I prefer a paper printed on real newsprint.) My lifelong fondness for the publication was formed in those early days.

Thanks to the entire staff for their hard work and dedication to publish a vital link that bonds all Greenbelters, past and present.

Bob Haslinger

CPAE Seasonal Celebration Sunday

Join the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) on Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. for Seasonal Celebration Sunday. Bring the family for a free afternoon of local talent. Enjoy a snack and a hot drink while friends, including New Chicago Youth Dance Company and music students of Eric Maring, share their favorite holiday.

This event will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

FRONTANES

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parents," she says. "We're lucky that, in most cases, at least one person in the family speaks some English. But we do get help from the county with translators." And there's help closer to home – an intern in the guidance office, for example, speaks Chinese.

Frontanes is in her third year at Springhill Lake but already is in a leadership role as the current chair of the school's ESOL program. In that role she is the school's liaison with the county ESOL office.

"My team is wonderful," she says. "Being chair is much less stressful with their support and collaboration."

She comes early and leaves late on most schooldays to manage after-school programs. She is co-coordinator of "Reading Together," a peer-mentoring group that meets Mondays and Wednesdays an hour before school and an hour after school. She trains the young mentors, teaching fifth-graders how to tutor third-graders in the program.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school she coordinates the "Champions" program, in which intermediate-level ESOL students from first and fifth grades are tutored in grammar, writing and work on their reading skills in a book club.

It's a lot of extra hours for someone who drives daily from Waldorf – but for Frontanes, it's worth it. When asked what she likes best about her job, her eyes light up.

"I like a ton of things!" she says. Among them – the 'aha' moments, when a student is struggling and finally gets it. I like knowing that students who don't have a lot of resources can come here and know they are supported.

"I like connecting with parents and being able to speak Spanish with them. It's a great advantage to speak the language."

Frontanes knew early that she wanted to teach Spanish, which

she spoke growing up with her Puerto Rican parents. But she felt she would be more effective at the high school level and earned a degree in secondary education at the University of Maryland. Then she obtained a master's degree in ESOL and "with some persuasion by my mentor," decided to take the plunge into elementary education.

It was a tough decision – she enjoyed relating to high schoolers – but it ultimately proved a good fit. Among other benefits, she praises the excellence of staff and the inclusive approach used at Springhill Lake, in which ESOL and special ed students are not pulled out from the regular classroom.

Recently she has nurtured another professional interest – traveling. This summer she flew to Tanzania.

"Africa gave me a real-life perspective about where some of our students come from," she said. "I can see why there is such a culture shock when they arrive here."

What's her next destination? "Spanish-speaking countries – and I'd love to go to El Salvador, because so many of our students have roots there."

Wherever Maria Frontanes travels in her life, one can be sure that she'll use the experience to enrich her students' learning and her school.

Berwyn Presbyterian Gives Free Concert

Berwyn Presbyterian Church will host a free concert on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. José Sacin, baritone, and Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, pianist, will perform art songs of Francesco Paolo Tosti. A portion of the concert will be seasonal music.

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NUGENT

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to enthusiastic applause.

Nugent's creative approach comes naturally – at 7, she started a novel called *The Twins and I* (about an only child who moves next door to a family with three sets of twins) and says, “I still want to finish it!” She also has a passion for marine biology and chose that as an undergraduate major until she took a theater class, saw a show and was “mesmerized.” Her first main stage performance at the University of Maryland was *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson and it persuaded even her family that she had chosen the right field.

“What drew me to theater is that every night I could step into a different time and space and become someone different in front of a different audience, with a different energy and vibe. I could live that moment on-stage,” she recalled.

After graduation, following an internship at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, she accepted a full-time position there as administrative assistant in the education department. “We sent performing arts into classrooms. It was great,” she said. “During the summer we had performances for kids of all ages, many of whom had never had a chance to see live performance.

“As I saw the kids coming in and out, I wanted to leave with them,” she said. “Eventually I decided to become a teacher and use all those things I learned at Wolf Trap in my own classroom.”

She also does special segments on marine biology, like a frog diorama in its habit and a three-legged race by students to illustrate how animals depend on each other.

After three years in the classroom (and two at SLES), Nugent loves teaching and especially second grade.

“These students are just at the cusp of independence and it’s a big honor helping them to grow into that independence,” she said. “In first grade, everything is very hands-on but by end of second grade, they have to be able to read, work on their own and learn to see the world through their own eyes,” she said.

“When I’m in the room with the kids, everything else falls away.”

This year Nugent is expanding the role of performing arts at SLES with a full-scale drama club in collaboration with music teachers and other staff. “We’ll be teaching students how to act, sing and dance, build props and the mechanics of performing on-stage with voice projection and stage presence,” she said.

She also assists with PTA activities, including “skate nights” and the annual spring talent show. Next spring, in addition, she will coordinate a full-scale theater production through the drama club at the school.

At the close of a recent school day, one girl exclaimed, “I want to stay with my teacher Miss Nugent!” After the second-graders had all left, five others strolled in to say hello.

“These are my students from last year,” she said, smiling. When asked how often they stop by, she said, “Every day.”

COUNCIL

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the Edmonston Road/Powder Mill Road areas.

Other Issues

The last grouping within the city’s legislative program for 2012 is labeled, “Other Issues of Interest.” This category includes:

- Full planning and zoning authority for municipalities
- Oppose Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) extension/expansion (concerning the proposed CSX Intermodal Transfer Facility)
- Support Purple Line
- Funding for Greenbelt Lake dredging
- Prohibit transfer of gasoline station liquor licenses
- Repair of Beaver Dam Road (a new item that arose at a meeting with BARC officials)
- Concern about pawn and

estate sale shops

- Explore redirecting of local bus (TheBus) funding to the city instead of the county
- Repeal electric utility authority to raise rates when decreased usage is caused by outages (new for 2012)
- Full funding of Bridge to Excellence (Thornton Education Policy)
- Increased penalties for Red Light Camera violations (assess points, remove license)
- Apartment (tax) assessment inequities
- Require art for new development
- Funding for schools to clear snow from sidewalks
- Municipal electric aggregation

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Dr. David McCarl, Dr. Clayton McCarl, Dr. Monica Mattson, Dr. Jay McCarl
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If you’ve thought about improving your smile, this guide can help you learn about the latest techniques in dentistry and cosmetic dental procedures.

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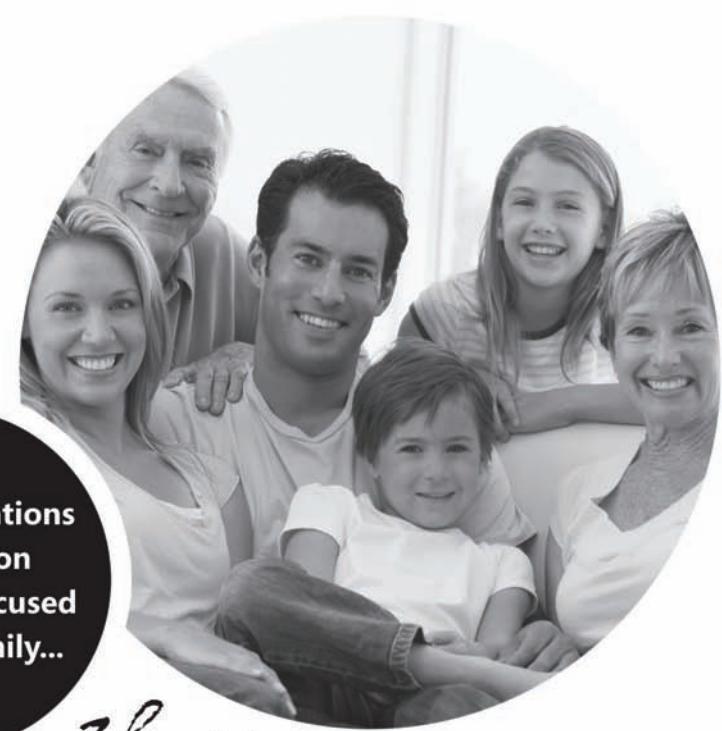
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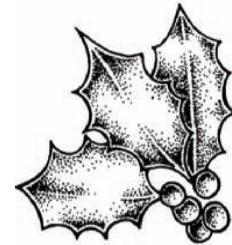
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We were sorry to hear of the recent death of artist Benjamin Abramowitz at 94. Mr. Abramowitz lived in Greenbelt on Eastway for 60 years before moving to the home of his daughter, Susan Rosenberg in 2003. An interesting and touching article in the Sunday, December 4 Washington Post (Arts section, E7) describes his daughter's discovery of the scope and volume of his lifetime of work in art.

Sympathy to the Sommers family on the death of Br. James Sommers, 89, a pioneer Greenbelter who joined the Trappist order in 1952. Brother James was the oldest of the four sons who moved with their parents, James, Sr. and Ann Sommers, to 9-M Ridge Road when the town was first built. He graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1941. The lone surviving brother, Bob Sommers of College Park, is a docent at the Greenbelt Museum.

Condolences to Kelly and Linda Ivy and families of Lakeside on the death of Kelly's mother, Sue Ivy Namur, who died December 2 in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Congratulations to Greenbelt's School Board Member Peggy Higgins, who has been elected vice chair of the board.

— Kathleen McFarland

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In partnership with the Peace & Justice Coalition, a Greenbelt house party will be held in a private home on Thursday, December 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. to discuss strategies, goals and actions on a city, state and national level, including a proposed local resolution by council. There will be a discussion of Delegate Jamie Raskin's effort to introduce a resolution in the Maryland Legislature and attempts by Congress and the Senate to introduce a constitutional amendment to overturn the decision.

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Left to right: Eileen O'Brien, Tiahna Nugent, Jeremy Daniel, Nora Simon, David Cobb. All are current students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program except Nora, who is a former student.

City's Youth Animation Class Showcased on Md. Public TV

Maryland Public Television (MPT) will feature GAVA/GATE Animation Class in a short segment showcasing arts in the state. On November 18 MPT visited GATE studios in the Greenbelt Community Center to interview Friday afternoon animation students and tape them in action. The resulting brief program will appear December 16 during the Great Performances broadcast of the San Francisco Ballet's "The Little Mermaid" and will include a glimpse of animation created by GAVA/GATE students as well. The Maryland arts segment will be shown on MPT's HD main channel, airing after 11 p.m. and will be posted on www.gavagate-animation.com later this month.

Current student Eileen O'Brien and former students Jessamyn Daniel and Nora Simon were interviewed for the program. Other students present in the studio that

day were Tiahna Nugent, John Commins, David Cobb, Jr. and Jeremy Daniel, with instructor George Kochell presiding.

A segment about the animation class aired on MPT's "ArtWorks This Week" program in 2002. When PBS recently asked stations to join in on the national broadcast of the PBS Fall Arts Festival 2011, MPT reviewed its ArtWorks files and chose the GAVA/GATE Animation Class as one of two projects included to showcase Maryland arts.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program holds classes for young people ages 10 to 18 year round and is currently producing an animation special for the 75th anniversary of Greenbelt in 2012. Participation in the anniversary special project is free to all Greenbelt residents.

For information email Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com.

Mishkan Torah Holds Swing Concert, Dance on Sunday

Mishkan Torah will present a concert of classic 1930s and 1940s swing music featuring the legendary musicians Rusty Mason and the Augusta Swing Ensemble on Sunday, December 11 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the synagogue. Come hear and dance to "straight ahead jazz," the real jazz music that is never played the same way twice and is not scripted.

Rusty Mason, (husband of Mishkan Torah member Chana Mason) began playing at age 13 in his hometown of Winchester, Va., and joined local bands that traveled the northeast corridor. He became part of the "second echelon" players, musicians who would accompany nationally-known talent as they performed in Winchester, such as Lionel Hampton, Betty Carter and Bud Powell.

Piano player Robert Redd plays with many local groups, including brother Chuck Redd (vibes, drums) in the Redd Brothers.

ers who have become the house band at Blues Alley (one of the few remaining original jazz and blues venues in D.C.) and the Smithsonian Jazzworks Orchestra. He works with Wolf Trap educational programs and has played at the White House for the Obamas.

Bassist John Previti is a Grammy award winner. He has played with Emmylou Harris, Doc Cheatham, Danny Gatton, Paul Simon, Charlie Byrd, Herb Ellis, Les Paul, Rick Whitehead and many others.

John Jensen, a talented trombone player, arranger and recording artist, has played at the Corcoran, the Kennedy Center and the White House, among other venues. He has also been part of the Navy jazz ensemble the Commodores.

Mishkan Torah is at the corner of Ridge Road and Westway. There is a fee (see ad on page 3.) Reservations may be made online at www.mishkantorah.org.



Rusty Mason and the Augusta Swing Ensemble including from left John Jensen on trombone, John Previti on bass and Rusty Mason on saxophone.

Tax Aide Volunteers Sought by AARP

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, which provides tax preparation assistance in Greenbelt, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

All kinds of volunteer opportunities are available from tax volunteers to greeters, as well as communications, technology and administration. If one of those might be a good fit, it also provides joy and satisfaction from helping others.

For further information or to apply, call Tom Moran at 301-345-1429 or apply online at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 9 pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Stealing Liberty plays jazzy versions of the Grateful Dead and others from 8 to 11 p.m.

Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 10. Afterward pianist John Guernsey plays jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and 17-year-old Andy Poxon entertains with his blazing guitar from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, December 11 James Benson and his jazz guitar play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Jack Couldn't Make It performs old time music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, December 13 Sarah O'Brien performs original and improvisational songs on the Native American flute from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 14 Medium Gauge plays folk/rock from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, December 15 there will be an open microphone session with Dave and Jamie from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 16 pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Cold Hard Cash plays tribute to the legendary Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 17 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Charm City Limits strums that bluegrass from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, December 18 Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays during brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the monthly kids' open microphone session is held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and the Darbuka Dawg Haffa brings Middle Eastern music and dance to the café from 5 to 8 p.m.

At the Library

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, December 15, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time, for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more details call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmls.info.

National Gallery Hosts Holiday Caroling

Caroling in the seasonally decorated West Building Rotunda is a favorite at the National Gallery of Art. Guest choirs lead afternoon sing-along caroling at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on December 10, 11, 17 and 18. Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome.



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A crowd attended the Greenbelt Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2.

Buddy Attick Park Renovation Planned

The group picnic area at Buddy Attick Park is closed in order to do ground renovation work.

The natural systems of Greenbelt's parks are beginning to fail, according to Lesley Riddle of Public Works. Park systems provide a continuous bio-habitat for a host of wildlife. Damage to the systems is already evident and will continue to occur without proper intervention, she added.

In specific areas the understory plantings have decreased, species decline is evident and areas of sediment run-off from the compacted soil flows freely into the lake.

Renovation will begin with mitigating sediment run-off in the group picnic area through placement of stone and natural plantings.

Closing the group picnic area is planned for the 2011-2012 winter/early spring seasons. There may be a need to temporarily relocate this area for the spring season, depending on weather and timing for the initial renovation effort.

B. Guy Addresses LEED at GCAN

The next Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The speaker will be Bradley Guy from Catholic University, who will describe a variety of green and community-based projects with a focus on small scale and use of reclaimed materials.

The second part of his presentation will be a discussion of the evolution of the LEED green building rating system and the other major green building standards and codes.

Guy is an assistant professor in the Master of Science in Sustainable Design program, School of Architecture and Planning at Catholic University; a consultant on green building, deconstruction and design for materials reuse; and design for adaptability and deconstruction of buildings.

For more information contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

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